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1. CHINA

MINN GOV ANDERSON LEFT TOKYO FOR HOME TUESDAY, FOLLOWING UNOFFICIAL 11-DAY TOUR OF PRC'S MAJOR CITIES, AGRIC COMMUNES, RICE FIELDS, FACTORIES (AP, WP).

WP'S NANCY ROSS REPORTS SOME EXECUTIVES ATTENDING 2-DAY MEETING JUST CONCLUDED WITH VISITING PRC TRADE DELEGATION EXPRESSED OPINION SCHEDULED FORD PEKING VISIT WILL SIGNAL UPTURN IN COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES; ALSO THOUGHT SINO-US TRADE COULD DROP TO AROUND 400-425 MILLION DOLS THIS YEAR, FROM LAST YEAR HIGH OF 935 MILLION. AS RETURN VISIT FOR 1973 NCUSCT TRIP, PRESENT CHINESE VISIT UNCLASSIFIED

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LARGELY CEREMONIAL, NOT EXPECTED RESULT IN SIGNED CONTRACTS. MANSFIELD HOSTED CONGRESSIONAL LUNCH FOR PRC DELEGATION, TERMED ITS ATTITUDE ON TAIWAN, MFN ISSUES "VERY BLAND"; IN PUBLIC, CHINESE DIPLOMATICALLY CALL MFN INTERNAL

MATTER, BUT N IN PRIVATE HAVE BEEN URGING US BUSINESSMEN
PRESS ISSUE. NCUST MEMBERS SAID TUESDAY THAT EXPECT
ADMIN MAY USE ITS INFLUENCE ON CONGRESS TO MAKE PROGRESS
ON MFN STATUS FOR PEKING SO PRES CAN GO THERE BEARING

GIFTS; SAME SOURCES SUGGESTED GRANTING MFN COULD BE
USED AS TRADE-OFF TO SETTLE FROZEN ASSETS QUESTION.
CHINESE HAVE MADE KNOWN DURING MEETINGS THEY CONSIDER
EQUALIZATION OF TRADE IMPORTANT ISSUE, THAT THEY
MUST REDUCE FURTHER PRESENT 2-1 RATIO IN US FAVOR.

PEKING ACCUSED SOVIET TUESDAY OF STEPPING UP INTERVENTION
IN PORTUGAL IN ORDER WEAKEN NATO SW FLANK; CHARGED MOSCOW
EVEN SUPPLYING ARMS TO ITS FRIEND IN PORTUGAL. NCNA
ADDED THAT US/SOVIET RIVALRY IN PORTUGAL IS PART OF
INTENSIFIED CONTENTION FOR DOMINATION WHOLE OF EUROPE
(AP, WP).

IN HK-MONITORED BROADCAST, CANTON CLAIMS IT HAS 56
LIBRARIES, OTHER BOOK-LENDING FACILITIES, AND AVERAGE
3,400 PERSONS USE THEM DAILY (AP, WP).

PEOPLE'S DAILY SAID TUESDAY TIBET IS "INALIENABLE PART"
OF PRC, AND DALAI LAMA'S HOPES OF REGAINING IT ARE
"DAYDREAM"; BUT EDIT INDICATED TIBETAN RESISTANCE
PERSISTS (UPI, PHINQ).

2. AUSTRALIA

GOA CALLS ON PORTUGAL TO INSURE THAT THREE MAIN TIMOR
POLITICAL FACTIONS REPRESENTED AT PEACE TALKS TO DECIDE
TERRITORY'S FUTURE; DECLARES CANBERRA DESIRES RETURN TO
"ORDERLY PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION" IN TIMOR (REUTER, SUN).

USDA REPORTS AUSSIE BEEF EXPORTS FELL 11 PCT JULY-JUNE,
WHILE TOTAL RED MEAT SHIPMENTS DOWN 6 PCT; BUT AUSSIE
MEAT YEAR ENDED ON POSITIVE NOTE, WITH JUNE 75 SHIPMENTS
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61,676 METRIC TONS, MORE THAN DOUBLE VOLUME YEAR
EARLIER (JOC).

CONTINUING DIVERSIFICATION POLICY, FORD AUSTRALIA WILL
INTRODUCE LOUISVILLE TRUCK LINE TO CAPTURE LARGER SLICE
OF US 325 MIL DOLS AUSSIES TRUCK MARKET (JOC).

3. DIEGO GARCIA

SEN KENNEDY SAYS CONGRESS SHOULD REOPEN DISCUSSION OF
US NAVAL BASE IN DIEGO GARCIA, BECAUSE TUESDAY WP REPORT
THAT MORE THAN 1,000 PEOPLE WERE EVICTED TO MAKE WAY
FOR FACILITIES MAY INDICATE ADMIN MISREPRESENTED CASE

WHEN JCS'S GEN BROWN TESTIFIED ISLAND IS "UNPOPULATED SPECK" (REUTER,SUN, WP).

4. INDONESIA

UPI (JAKARTA) REPORTS GOI, FOREIGN PVT PLANNERS AND BUSINESSMEN, HAVE RESURRECTED SUKARNO IDEA OF MODERN STEEL INDUSTRY FOR INDONESIA, BUT ACKNOWLEDGE SERIOUS PROBLEMS REMAIN: SUCCESS REQUIRES GOVT SUPPORT DOMESTIC INDUSTRY, FIND ECONOMIC SOURCE HIGH-GRADE IRON ORE (JOC).

5. JAPAN

MAXINE CHESHIRE (LAT 9/7) NOTES VP ROCKEFELLER PLANS HOST EMPEROR AND PARTY AT LUNCH OCT 5, QUIETLY AT FAMILY'S 4,180 ACRE "PRIVATE PRINCIPALITY" AT POCANTICO HILLS, NY. AS WITH SHAH'S VISIT, NO REPORTERS WILL BE ADMITTED.

BETH POND (CSM) IN MOSCOW CITES MIN DEF ORGAN "RED STAR" WARNING THAT JAPAN "ACT CIRCUMSPECTLY" IN REGARD PRC -- ELSE PEKING ATTEMPT INVOLVE JAPAN IN "ITS ANTI-SOVIET POLICY CAN ONLY HARM THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF JAPAN."

JAPAN LAUNCHED BI;GEST ROCKET TUESDAY FROM KAGOSHIMA, PLACING 182-LB SATELLITE IN ORBIT. COST 4.2 MILLION DOLS. EQUIPPED MEASURE VIBRATION DURING LAUNCH, RECORD TEMPERATURES INSIDE, OUTSIDE, DURING EXPECTED THREE-UNCLASSIFIED

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MONTH LIFE IN ORBIT 600 MILES HIGH. FIRST STAGE US-MADE THOR-DELTA; SOLID-FUEL THIRD STAGE ALSO US-MADE; LIQUID-FUEL SECOND STAGE DEVELOPED BY JAPAN'S NATL SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AFP, WP).

CULLISON (JOC) IN TOKYO CITES MITI OFFICIALS SAYING TUESDAY THAT REPRESENTATIVES TO GENEVA GATT DUMPING COMM IN OCT WILL DEMAND US IMMEDIATELY HALT INVESTIGATION ALLEGATION JAPAN DUMPING AUTOS IN US. VOICED "UNUSUAL SURPRISE" USITC DID NOT DROP INVESTIGATION AFTER COMPLETING PRELIMINARY SURVEY.

CULLISON CITES DEP PM FUKUDA TELLING KEIDANREN LEADERS TUESDAY GOJ WILL LAUNCH "ALL OUT-EFFORT" OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS TO RAISE REAL GROWTH TO 5-PERCENT. SAYS CHANGE OF HEART BY FUKUDA, WHO INSISTED PAST TWO YEARS PRIMARY GOAL WAS TO CONTROL DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION, UNDERLINES "ALARMING DECLINE IN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE" GOJ WOULD BRING NATION OUT OF RECESSION.

CULLISON NOTES FINMIN OHIRA TOLD LDP OFFICIALS TUESDAY GOJ WILL LAUNCH DRASTIC FOURTH ROUND ANTI-RECESSION

MEASURES "WITHIN MATTER OF WEEKS."

JAMESON (LAT 9/9) SAYS KEIDANREN CHAIRMAN TOSHIO DOKO TOLD PRESS MONDAY HE URGING GOJ "PUMP-PRIME" ECONOMY UP TO 9-PERCENT GROWTH RATE NEXT TWO YEARS. UNLESS GOJ REFLATES ECONOMY, WARNED NATION WILL BE FORCED ISSUE EVER-INCREASING AMOUNT OF BONDS TO COVER MOUNTING DEFICIT, AND FIRMS WILL BE FORCED IN END START FIRING WORKERS.

FINMIN OHIRA TOLD REGULAR CABINET MEETING TUESDAY JFY 76 DRAFT BUDGET LIKELY TOTAL ALMOST 137.5 BILLION DOLS. INCLUDES 83.4 BILLION IN GENERAL ACCOUNT REQUESTED BY GOJ AGENCIES, AND 54.1 BILLION ASKED FOR FISCAL LOAN AND INVESTMENT PROGRAM. FIGURES SUBJECT REDUCTION BY "CAUTIOUS" MOF IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH REQUESTING AGENCIES OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS TO FINALIZE DRAFT (JOC, TOKYO).

KYOTO CERAMIC SAYS WILL SET UP JOINT VENTURE WITH SHARP, UNCLASSIFIED

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MATSUSHITA, MOBIL OIL, TYCO LABS TO DEVELOP SILICONE SEMICONDUCTORS FOR USE IN SOLAR BATTERIES. TO BE CALLED JAPAN SOLAR ENERGY. CAPITALIZED AT EQUIVALENT OF ONE MILLION DOLS (WSJ, TOKYO).

RESCUE PARTY TRIES REACH FIVE MEN TRAPPED 1,100 FEET UNDERGROUND BY CAVE-IN AT HOKKAIDO COAL MINE; NO WORD OF SURVIVORS (UPI, WP).

TOSHIKAWA SEIKO (MEDIUM-SIZED ELECTRIC-FURNACE STEELMAKER) ASKS NAGOYA COURT APPOINT RECEIVER. DEBTS ESTIMATED 33.6 MILLION DOLS. EMPLOYS 300 PERSONS. SALES LAST YEAR TOTALED 54.7 MILLION DOLS (WSJ, TOKYO).

6. KOREA

US "QUIETLY" BEGAN LOWERING UN FLAG AT MOST SK MIL BASES AUG 16, IN ACCORDANCE JUNE 27 LETTER TO UNSC. BELIEVED PART OF EFFORT HEAD OFF NK DEMAND US WITHDRAW FORCES IN SK UNDER "NOMINAL COMMAND" OF UN. IF UNC DISSOLVED, US, ROK HAVE SAID US FORCES WOULD REMAIN IN SK UNDER BILATERAL DEFENSE TREATY (AP, SUN).

7. INDOCHINA

SIHANOUK ENDS 5 YRS EXILE, RETURNS PP AS NOMINAL HEAD COMMUNIST GOVT (AP, NYDN), THOUGH NO INDICATION WHAT

ROLE ACTUALLY WILL PLAY. PP RADIO SAYS PRINCE MET BY DIGNITARIES. PEKING BELIEVED HOPING INCREASE INFLUENCE IN CAMBODIA BY SIHANOUK'S RETURN. NEW PRC AMB TO

CAMBODIA, SUN HAO, REPORTEDLY LEFT PEKING FOR POST
(AP WP, PHINQ).

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN HK SAYS PRINCE'S RETURN ENDS
SPECULATION HE HAS LOST USEFULNESS TO NEW RULERS. HE
HAS CURIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNITIS, WILL PLAY
ROLE AS TITULAR CHIEF, ROVING AMB, WILL PROBABLY NOT
STAY LONG IN COUNTRY. IN PAST, HE HAS OFTEN VOICED FEAR
VN WOULD DOMINATE CAMBODIA AND SAID ONLY HOPE
IN PRC AS COUNTERWEIGHT. GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO (CSM)
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AT PEKING BELIEVES CHINESE MORE THAN SATISFIED AT
RESTRICTED ROLE PRINCE WILL PLAY, WITH REAL LEADERSHIP
HEADED BY KHIEU SAMPHAN WHO EXPRESSED "CAUTIOUS
ADHERENCE" TO PRC WORLD VIEW, INDIRECTLY BUT CLEARLY
CASTIGATED USSR.

ANDELMAN (NYT) AT BANGKOK QUOTES PP RADIO THAT HUGE
CROWD WELCOMES PRINCE; BELIEVES WELCOME WARM, THOUGH
NEW LEADERSHIP LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HAVING
HIM ACTUALLY HEAD GOVT -- SINCE STILL AROUSES STRONG
EMOTIONAL LOYALTIES, IS POTENTIAL FOCAL POINT FOR
DISSATISFACTION. SUN'S WU AT HK REPORTS SIHANOUK,
PM PENN MOUTH, RETURNED WITH REINFORCED PLEDGE CLOSER
FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION WITH PRC. OPINES PERSONAL
SAFETY, DIVISION OF POWERS ISSUES REOLVED IN RECENT
SIHANOUK-SAMPHAN MEETINGS IN NK, PRC. STATES REAL
POWER RESTS WITH 3 VICE PREMIERS -- KHIEU SAMPHAN,
IENG SARY, SON SEN.

CHITRIB CARRIES NEWSWEEK INTL REPORT THAT CAMBODIAN
VEIL OF MYSTERY AT LIMA NAC. AT RECEPTION, KHMERS SHOWED
FILM, "A HEROIC PEOPLE", SHOT DURING WAR'S LAST WKS,
IN PP IMMEDIATELY AFTER FALL; MOVIE GETS MESSAGE ACROSS
THAT CAMBODIA NOW DISCIPLINED, SPARTAN SOCIETY.
INDICATIONS ARE NEW REGIME WILL SEEK WIDER INTL CONTACTS.
IN INTERVIEW, IENG SARY TOLD NEWSWEEK'S PRINGLE: PP
EVACUATED IN ORDER MOVE POPULATION TO FOOD SUPPLY, FOIL
CIA PLOT CORRUPT TROOPS; ABOUT 100,000 HAVE RETURNED
TO CAPITAL, THERE IS NOW ENOUGH FOOD; SIHANOUK MAY
REMAIN IN CAMBODIA OR TRAVEL; HE HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS ON
WHETHER CAMBODIA WILL TAKE UN SEAT OR ON SEEING SECSTATE
WHILE HE IS IN NY; "SPY SHIP" MAYAGUEZ CAPTURE WAS
CORRECT DECISION BY LOCAL COMMANDER.

DOS SAYS US CASE FOR TAKING MIL ACTION IN MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR
STRENGTHENED BY FIRST OFFICIAL CAMBODIAN ACCOUNT.

NOTES RESCUE OPERATION BEGAN 52 HRS AFTER WH PUBLICLY
DEMANDED RELEASE, WHILE IENG SARY SUGGESTED KHMERS
DECIDED RELEASE SHIP 39 HRS FOLLOWING US DEMANDS --

BUT FOR REASON HE DID NOT DISCLOSE, GOVT WAITED 13 HRS
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BEFORE ANNOUNCING INTENTIONS; BY THEN, RESCUE
UNDER WAY (AP, WSTAR 9/9).

THIEU REGIME RIDDLED WITH VC BEFORE FALL, WITH FAMILIAR
NAMES, FACES APPEARING DAILY WHO WORKED FOR OTHER SIDE.
SURFACING OF AGENTS MAKE CLEAR COMMUNIST SIDE HAD
GOOD SECURITY, INTELLIGENCE. US INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES
20,000 VC HAD INFILTRATED US, SVN RANKS (UPI, WSTAR 9/9,
WP).

NVN INVITES INTL ARMS DEALERS, WHO CAN BE TRUSTED
POLITICALLY, WORK WITH COMMUNIST, 3RD WORLD COUNTRIES
TO VISIT HANOI TO BUY US MIL EQUIPMENT. TRIP WOULD
BE LATE SEPT, EARLY OCT, WITH TRAVEL TO SVN TO BID
ON HIGHLY-SOPHISTICATED ITEMS ACCORDING FE ECON REVIEW
(REUTER, WP).

PRG RELEASES 800 FORMER MIL OFFICERS AFTER RE-EDUCATION,
REITERATES CLEMENCY POLICY TOWARDS THOSE WHO GENUINELY
REGRET PAST MISDEEDS (REUTER, WP).

US POSTAL SERVICE SAYS MAIL TO SVN SUSPENDED AGAIN
BECAUSE SAIGON REFUSES ACCEPT DISPATCHES FROM US. PRG
STATES AT LEAST 82 COUNTRIES HAVE ESTABLISHED DIP
RELS WITH SVN (UPI, NYT). NVN, SVN UNDOUBTEDLY WANT
NORMAL RELS WITH US, FORESEE SMALL US MISSIONS IN HANOI,
SAIGON, BUT INSIST WILL NOT MAKE FIRST MOVE IN RE-
ESTABLISHING RELS. VN OFFICIALS INDICATED MAY BE WAYS
FORCING US BRING DIP MISSION, AID MONEY, BUT HAVE NOT
HINTED HOW. ABOUT 50 AMCITS IN SVN NOW CONSIDER
SELVES HOSTAGES, RIGHTLY OR WRONG (UPI, JOC).

NVN PLANS DOUBLE SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
WITHIN 3 YRS. HANOI OFFICIALS TELL INTL SYMPOSIUM
FOR LITERACY IN IRAN THAT 400,000 ILLITERATES IN SAIGON
REGION; LITERACY IS POLITICAL TASK TO RAISE POLITICAL
CONSCIOUSNESS OF MASSES (PACE, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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IN SAT REV ARTICLE REPRINTED IN LAT (9/7), NYT'S
SCHANBERG WONDERS IF US CAN DEAL WITH KR. BELIEVES

WAR HARDENED KHMER PEASANTS, GAVE COMMUNISTS OPPORTUNITY

SEIZE, ORGANIZE COUNTRYSIDE. SAYS WITHOUT US INTERVENTION, LON NOL REGIME WOULD HAVE FALLEN TO WEAK, RAGTAG KR THAT WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN MODERATE COMMUNISM. NOTES LITTLE INFO AVAILABLE ON KHMER COMMUNIST HIERARCHY; SAYS KR SOLDIERS PEASANT BOYS, BUT OFFICERS EDUCATED, COULD SPEAK FRENCH. POINTS OUT DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN VIEWS OF KR FACTIONS, AGRARIAN EMPHASIS SEEMS PERVASIVE. GUESSES LOCAL COMMUNISM FORM CLOSER TO PRC MODEL THAN VNESE, HISTORICAL KHMER-VIET ENMITY MAY BE RESURFACING. HIGHLY UNLIKELY KR HAVE EXPANSIONIST AIMS; PRC ALONE HAS INFLUENCE IN PP AT PRESENT, BUT DOES NOT DOMINATE REGIME. THINKS US AID TO REGIME MIGHT BE WORTH CONSIDERING ON BOTH HUMANITARIAN, PRAGMATIC GROUNDS TO RETAIN INFLUENCE IN ASIA.

GELB/LAKE (LAT 9/7) LOOK AT CONGRESS' FOREIGN POLICY ROLE, DECIDE MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR HELPED REESTABLISH OLD PATTERN OF PRES DEFINING REACTION TO HUMILIATION FOR HILL, PUBLIC. BELIEVE WAR OPPONENTS IN CONGRESS FEEL VULNERABLE TO ISOLATIONISM CHARGES, THREATEN WIPE OUT MUCH OF PAST 5 YRS' WORK. CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS IN DOD BUDGET, CIA OPNS, IN OTHER AREAS.

9. KOREA

OMAHA WORLD HERALD (8/31) REPRINTS PLEA IN LAT BY NY ATTORNEY JOUNGWON A. KIM THAT AMERICANS AVOID PITFALL OF DRAWING "GROSSLY MISLEADING" ANALOGIES BETWEEN KOREA AND VN. (KIM AUTHORED BOOK "DIVIDED KOREA: THE POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT, 1945-1972").

DENVER POST (9/2) WELCOMES CHANGE IN MOOD MARKED BY SECDEF VISIT TO SEOUL. IN SHARP CONTRAST OMINOUS PREDICTIONS OF NK AGGRESSION BEFORE VISIT, SECDEF TOLD PRESS IN SEOUL NK ATTACK "MOST UNLIKELY," VIRTUALLY RULED OUT NUKES' USE. ADDS TAIWAN REPORT CONFIRMS UNCLASSIFIED

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EARLIER SPECULATION KIM IL-SUNG RECEIVED NO ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PRC, SOVIET, WHEN HE SOUGHT STIR UP NEW TROUBLE AFTER VN DEBACLE.

CARL ROWAN (BALTO N-A 9/8) BELIEVES SECDEF MAY BE USING "VOCAL CHORD DETERRENT" IN STATEMENT ABOUT POSSIBLE USE NUKES IN KOREA. ALSO FEELS SECDEF REFERENCES TO WEAKNESS OF ROK FORCES, NEED TO LEAVE US FORCES IN SK, JSDF TOO WEAK DEFEND OWN NATION, ALL PART OF PLOY CONDITION AMERICANS TO LEAVING THEIR

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BOYS IN KOREA FOR "MORE AND MORE YEARS." STATES

SECDEF WARNING IN TOKYO THAT JAPAN SHOULD SPEND MORE
ON DEFENSE LEFT JAPANESE PONDERING WHETHER THERE
HIGHER LEVEL OF THREAT FROM COMMUNISTS, OR LOWER
LEVEL OF RELIANCE ON US.

10. JAPAN

PIERRE BRISARD (AFP, LAT 9/8) SAYS KOHJIN BANKRUPTCY
CASTS HEAVY SHADOW ON JAPAN, RAISING THREAT WHOLE
ECONOMY MIGHT "CRASH DOWN." GOJ LEADERS "PLAYING IT
COOL" BUT FEAR "KOHJIN SYNDROME" WILL DEVELOP; AND
PEOPLE NOW RECALL PREDICTION OF DISASTER BY WASEDA'S
PROF NANIWADA -- THAT PRE-CRISIS GROWTH RATE LEADING
JAPAN, TOGETHER WITH REST OF WORLD, INTO "CATASTROPHE
REMINISCENT OF THE FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE."

WM SAMARAS (PRES, LA CHAPTER, CATACEAN SOCIETY) LETTER
TO LAT (9/6) ENDORSES BELL RESOLUTION FOR TWO REASONS --
PROPOSED EMBARGO APPLIES PRESSURE DIRECTLY AGAINST
FOREIGN WHALING FIRMS THAT EXPORT 200 MILLION DOLS
WORTH FISH PRODUCTS TO US ANNUALLY, AND WOULD CONTINUE
UNTIL WHALING EQUIPMENT DISMANTLED OR CONVERTED,
THUS PREVENTING UNREGULATED WHALING UNDER FLAGS OF
CONVENIENCE.

CSM REPRINTS JAPAN TIMES ITEM THAT NOTES MITI HAS
BEEN STUDYING HOW CONSOLIDATE TRUCK DELIVERIES TO
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HOMES FOR PAST YEAR -- TO HELP EASE URBAN TRAFFIC
CONGESTION; HAS NOW EMBARKED ON THREE-YEAR PROGRAM
TO HAVE BUSINESS AND EVEN POSTAL SERVICE POOL
DELIVERIES. KISSINGER

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